

Amendments to the Specification:

[0027] Once fluid containment device 20 is inflated by injecting air through inlet/outlet 44 and into the inflatable chambers, one can then place the extremity of a body as for example a leg 70 as shown in Figure 4 into the opening 36 defined by collar 34 of fluid containment device 20. The Velcro hook and loop fasteners 38 can be used to then seal off the upper portion of the extremity or leg 70 as shown in Figure 4 such that fluid is prevented from leaking past and out the top of fluid containment device 20.

[0028] It is possible to have other sealing arrangements for collar 34. For example adhesive tape 38a may be used to augment or replace Velcro hook and loop fasteners, as shown in Figure 5. The collar may be so designed so as to seal off against a flat portion of the body such as a torso or chest with little or no portion of the body entering into containment space 21. The collar may also be made of rubber or flexible material for sealing off opening 36 or may have some type of draw string mechanism. Persons skilled in the art will recognize that opening 36 may sealed off in many different manners that are known in the art with some examples described above.